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In re Application of  
Noponen et al.  
Application No.: 09/786,621  
PCT No.: PCT/FI999/00767  
Int. Filing Date: 17 September 1999  
Priority Date: 17 September 1998  
Attorney's Docket No.: 11001.071  
For: METHOD FOR SOUND REPRODUCTION  
AND PILLAR LOUDSPEAKER

DECISION ON  
PAPERS FILED UNDER  
37 C.F.R. 1.42

This is a decision on applicant's submission of a declaration filed 05 March 2001 executed by Sisko Noponen as the legal representative for deceased inventor Seppo Noponen.

BACKGROUND

On 17 September 1999, applicants filed international application PCT/FI99/00767, which designates the U.S. and claims a priority date of 17 September 1998. A Demand electing, *inter alia*, the U.S., was filed within 19 months of the priority date. Accordingly, the deadline for filing the national stage application in the U.S. expired at midnight on 17 March 2001.

On 05 March 2001, applicant filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the U.S. which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the requisite basic national fee and the combined declaration and power of attorney.

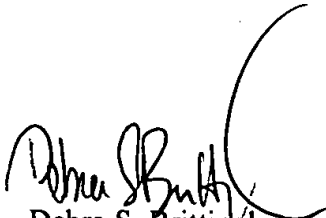
DISCUSSION

The declaration filed 05 March 2001 is acceptable under 37 CFR 1.42 and complies with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b). Accordingly, the requirements for entry into the national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371(c) were completed as of 05 March 2001.

CONCLUSION


The papers filed under 37 CFR 1.42 are ACCEPTED.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Division of the Office of PCT Operations to continue national stage processing of the application, including according the application a 35 U.S.C. 371(c) date of **05 March 2001**.



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